

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 29, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commission

VIA: James Slaton, City Manager

FROM: Stephanie Edwards, Support Services / Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2022-10, League Background Checks

SYNOPSIS: *The City Commission will consider adopting an Ordinance to require background check for organizations utilizing City-owned facilities.*

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission approve Ordinance 2022-10 after first reading.

BACKGROUND

The City of Lake Wales makes many of its recreational and other facilities available for use by outside organizations to provide recreational and/or educational opportunities for minor children. The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety of the participating minors by providing criteria for background checks of the coaches and other persons involved in the administration of these recreational/educational activities who have or may have contact with the participating minors.

Prior to approval for the use of any City-owned facility, all requesting organizations will submit to the City's Recreation Department evidence of completion of the required background checks for all applicable persons.

Background Check Criteria will include:

- All Sex Offenses
- Violent Felonies
- Violent Misdemeanors (includes Domestic Violence and Battery Offenses) (within the last 10 years)
- Misdemeanor or Felony Drug offenses including sale, delivery, and distribution
- Misdemeanors related to children

Proposed Ordinance 2022-10 was presented to the current members of the Recreation Advisory Board for review and discussion on March 21, 2022. The members recommend that the City Commission adopt this ordinance.

OTHER OPTIONS

The City Commission may choose not adopt Ordinance 2022-10 or modify the language.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance 2022-10